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1. There was a military airfield on the northern perimeter of Kedainiai ($23^{\circ}05' E$ / $55^{\circ}17' N$), Baltic MD, east of the Kedainiai-Siauliai ($23^{\circ}13' E$ / $55^{\circ}07' N$) highway, west of the Kedainiai-Siauliai railroad line, 500 meters from Kedainiai railroad station. * The field covered an area of 2,000 to 3,000 meters from north to south and was 800 meters wide. No runways, taxiways or hangars were observed. Tents probably housing workshops were erected all over the landing field. A wind sock was available.
2. The aircraft were parked on the edge of the woods in the south-eastern corner of the installation. Fuel containers, about 7 meters long and 5 meters in diameter, were also seen there. Woods were piled up along the edge of the woods. Twine engine barriers and aircraft similar to US jet planes were stationed at the field. Not more than 4 aircraft were seen aloft at a time. Parachuting was practiced almost every afternoon, 8 to 10 men jumping from one plane.
3. A sector of Kedainiai south of the airfield was surrounded by a barbed wire fence and was off limits to civilians. Airfield personnel were also quartered in other sectors of the town. Individual air force guards were posted on the Kedainiai-Siauliai highway.
4. Kedainiai airfield was 1 km north of the town, east of the highway to Jonava ($23^{\circ}05' E$ / $55^{\circ}23' N$). The installation was surrounded by fields with isolated farmhouses and trees. At least 20 aircraft were stationed at the field. Twenty or more large tents were seen there after 1950, but hangars were not observed. According to Lithuanians, now aircraft arrived at the field in 1950.
5. Kedainiai military airfield, which was built prior to the war, remained unoccupied for some years after 1945. The installation was located southeast of Kedainiai-Jonava ($23^{\circ}17' E$ / $55^{\circ}17' N$). The field covered an area of about 1,000 x 1,000 meters and was apparently being enlarged toward the northeast. An asphalt road

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about 4 meters wide led from Kedainiai railroad station to a point near the aircraft dispersal area in the southwestern portion of the landing field. Tank trucks were often seen on this road. The field had a grass cover and bordered a wooded area to the southeast, south, and southwest. Barracks areas were to the northeast, northwest, and north. The runway on the northwestern border of the landing field, which was 800 to 1,000 meters long, had many bomb craters and was covered by debris. No taxiways were observed. In the fall of 1950, three hangars were being built in the southern portion of the field. Two three or four-story buildings appeared to be used as quarters. Drainage work was being done in the southwestern portion of the installation.

6. Thirty to forty biplanes and twin-engine aircraft in addition to individual single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in the southwestern portion of the field. The twin-engine aircraft were fitted with radial engines, straight wings with rounded off wing tips, double-rudder assemblies, and their landing gears retracted into engine cowlings. The parked aircraft were guarded by sentries. Sentries were also observed in the southeastern portion of the field and along its northwestern border. Other security measures were not observed. The aircraft took off from the southwestern edge of the landing field in a north-east direction. The single-engine biplanes were mostly seen over Kedainiai. Occasionally, the twin-engine aircraft took off for formation flying in groups of 2 or 3. No parachuting was observed. Spot lights mounted on poles, 2 or 3 meters high, were set up along the boundary of the field. Two searchlight sites were closely together in the northern corner of the installation.
7. There was a large airfield south of Kedainiai on elevated terrain. Twin-engine planes were stationed at the field. No hangars were observed. According to local residents, only officers were being trained as pilots at the field. Day and night flying was very intensive. In the summer of 1950, parachuting and the dropping of antitank guns were observed.

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* Comment. For location of the airfield northwest of Kedainiai, see Annexes 1 and 2.

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** Comment. This statement indicates that a second airfield, which was being improved in 1950, exists southeast of the town. For location of this field, see Annex 3.

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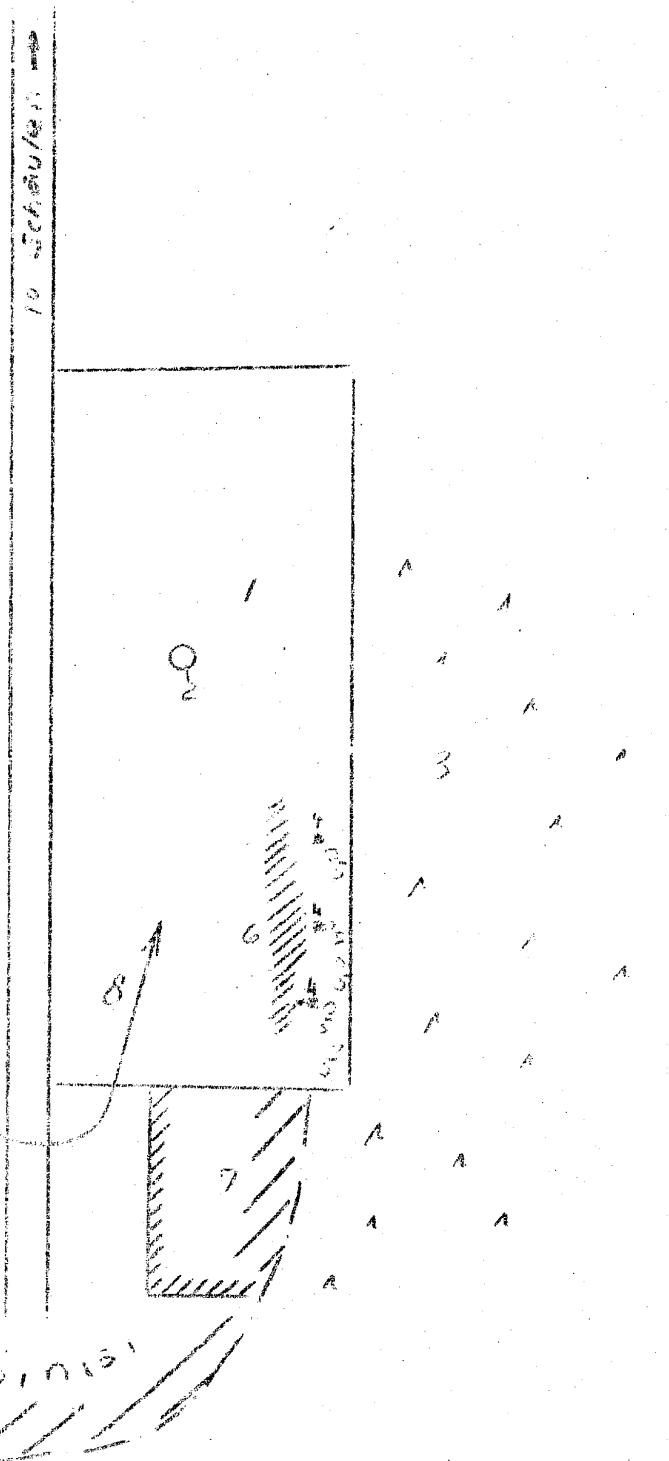
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Airfield Northwest of Kedainiai.

Legend:

- 1 Airfield
- 2 Wind sock
- 3 Wooded area
- 4 Bomb piles
- 5 Fuel tanks
- 6 Parked aircraft
- 7 Officers billets
- 8 Rain direction of approach



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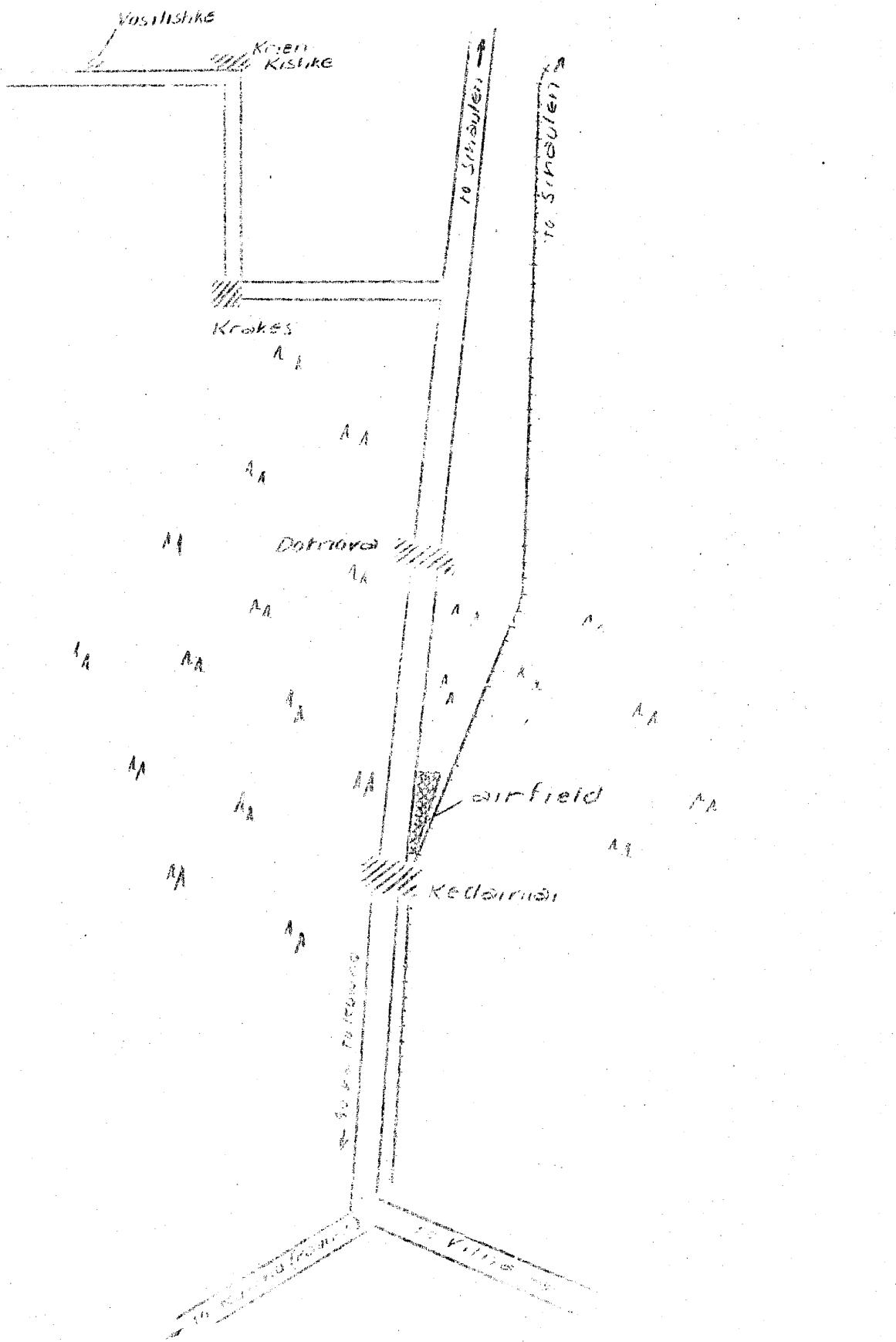
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Location Sketch of Airfield Northwest of Kedainiai



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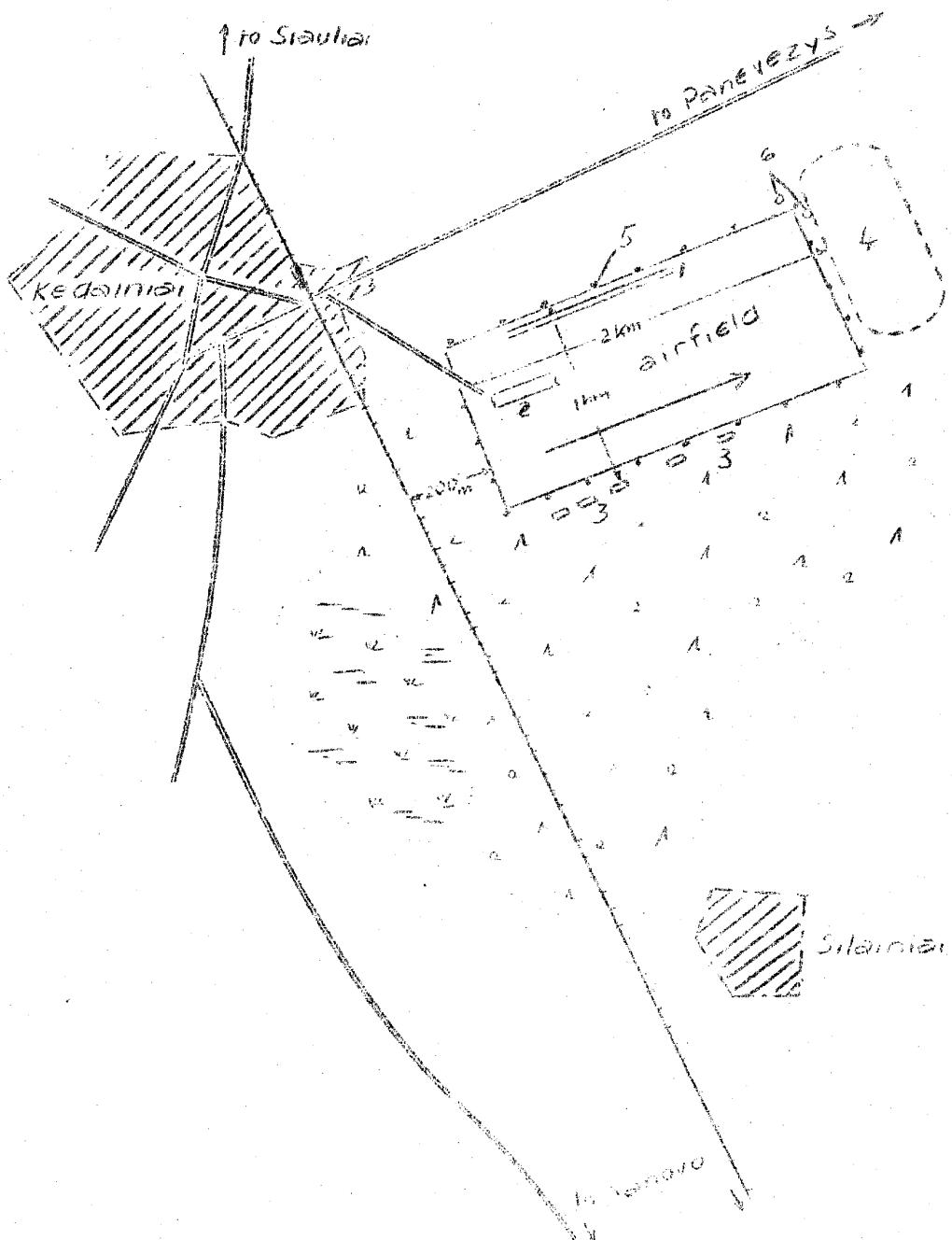
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Military Airfield Southeast of Kedainiai



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Legend:

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- 1 Quartering buildings under construction
- 2 Site of construction work
- 3 Airfield boundary lights
- 4 Searchlights